

Memorandum

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Subject : RIO LINDA/ELVERTA POWER PROJECT (01-AFC-1)
STATUS REPORT #6

Progress on Significant Issues

To date staff has not received any of the required documents identified in the Committee's September 20, 2001 order.

The following areas still have unresolved issues: Air Quality; Biological Resources; Land Use; Noise; Visual Resources; Worker Safety and Fire Protection; Water and Soil Resources; and Transmission System Engineering.

Land Use: On Tuesday, November 20, 2001, the Sacramento County Board (Board) of Supervisors took the following actions regarding the proposed Rio Linda Power Plant project. The Board approved the forwarding of a letter to the Energy Commission regarding the County's status of review against County policies and regulations. We understand that the letter will indicate that a stand-alone power plant is a conditional use at the site and therefore is consistent with the zoning for the site. This letter is also going to explain that the County finds that the project can be found consistent with the General Plan and Community Plan map and policies, if appropriately conditioned by the Energy Commission.

The County planning staff was directed to report back to the Board after the Preliminary Staff Assessment (PSA) has been prepared. Based on the information available at that time, County staff will provide an additional review of the project to determine whether the PSA and associated mitigation address all relevant General Plan and Community Plan policies. The County Board of Supervisors could also choose to take a position to endorse or oppose the project, similar to making findings for issuance of a conditional use permit.

The Board deferred action on providing County staff direction on the creation of a Board-endorsed group to negotiate a Community Benefit Package. However, the Board directed County and appropriate staff to form a response team to provide comments to the PSA regarding compliance and conditions related to rules and regulations to general plan policies.

The Board directed staff to enter into a reimbursement agreement with FPL to provide funding for such efforts.

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